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LB 78

SENATOR HARTNETT: That's correct. What this...what this bill is, LB 78, as amended, deals with service areas, what...places some limits on where gas can be (inaudible), service areas within I think Douglas and Sarpy County, I think basically that, and where the Municipal Natural Gas Act deals with...with rates, you know, setting of rates by cities within, you know, geographical areas, with municipal gas. So it has nothing...this bill has nothing to do with that particular thing. There's...there's...use a gas term, there's no connection, Senator Preister. (Laugh)

SENATOR PREISTER: (Laugh) No connection, okay. Thank you, Senator Hartnett. One other question then. As I read Section 3, and I think this was what Senator Beutler was asking earlier too, Section 3 appears to be limiting LB 78 to only MUD and IOUs, or the Metropolitan Utilities District, which serves Omaha, and the individual...or the independent investor-owned utilities. Is that also accurate?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

SENATOR PREISTER: It's just limited to those?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Well, MUD serves in both Douglas and Sarpy County and I think it also serves in some smaller communities besides Omaha within...I believe within Douglas County, MUD does. I think they have the franchise or a contract with them, I believe.

SENATOR PREISTER: But primarily it would affect those areas where they have service jurisdiction or within their service territory...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes, um-hum.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...in primarily the metropolitan area.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah. Yeah, just basically the two counties.

SENATOR PREISTER: Okay.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.